GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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SKY BUS PROPOSALS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sky bus proposals from the various State Governments including the Governments of Goa, Kerala and Maharashtra have been received by the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these proposals are being accommodated/adjusted under the uraban infrastructure fund or any such other fund;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government in this direction so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a): Sky Bus proposals have been received from the Governments of Goa, Kerala and Maharashtra.

(b): The Govt. of Maharashtra has got a Techno-economic feasibility Report prepared for introduction of Sky Bus in Andheri-Ghatkopar alignment in Mumbai. The estimated project cost is approx. Rs.550 crores. However, the Govt. of Maharashtra has not so far taken any decision as to whether a Light Rail Transit system or Sky Bus system should be adopted for Andheri-Ghatkopar alignment. Government of Kerala has got a Detailed Project Report (DPR) prepared for introduction of Sky Bus in Kochi. The estimated cost of the project is approx. Rs.798 crores. The Government of Goa has proposed introduction of Sky Bus Metro in a stretch of about 10 kms, at an approximate cost of Rs.550 crores.

(c)to(e): No, Sir. The proposals received from the State Governments, are being examined by this Ministry in consultation with the technical experts in the field. As such a system has not been implemented so far anywhere in the world, detailed technical appraisal of this concept is necessary before any investment decision by Government can be taken.